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**Louisiana Livestock Slaughter**

**Commercial red meat production** in Louisiana during August totaled 500,000 pounds, up 25 percent from the previous month and August 2010.

There were 600 head of **cattle** slaughtered during August, up 200 head from July and the previous year. Average live weight was 761 pounds, up 49 pounds from the previous month but 23 pounds below August 2010. Total live weight, at 425,000 pounds, was up 34 percent from the previous month and 33 percent above the previous year.

**Calves** slaughtered during August totaled 300 head, unchanged from the previous month but 200 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 484 pounds, down 36 pounds from July and 41 pounds below August 2010. Total live weight, at 157,000 pounds, was down seven percent from July and 37 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during August totaled 700 head, the same as the previous month and previous year. Average live weight was 201 pounds, up 15 pounds from July 2011 and 20 pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 147,000 pounds, up 13 percent from July and 19 percent above the previous year.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during August was 400 head, up 100 head from July but 100 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 56 pounds, down two pounds from the previous month but unchanged from the previous year.

**United States Livestock Slaughter**

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.3 billion pounds in August, up four percent from the 4.1 billion pounds produced in August 2010.

**August 2011** contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays **August 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and four Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.4 billion pounds, was four percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.1 million head, up five percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down seven pounds from the previous year, at 1,270 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 11.3 million pounds, one percent above August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,900 head, up five percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down seven pounds from last year, at 247 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.9 billion pounds, up four percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.5 million head, up five percent from August 2010. The average live weight was down one pound from the previous year, at 266 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.1 million pounds, was up two percent from August 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, three percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up six pounds from August a year ago.

**January to August 2011 commercial red meat production** was 32.3 billion pounds, up one percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up one percent from last year; veal was down two percent; pork was up one percent from last year; and lamb and mutton production was down eight percent.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production**

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	July	August		January - August		August		January - August	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	-----Number, thousand head-----					-----Number, thousand head-----			
Cattle	0.4	0.4	0.6	3.5	3.6	2,954.9	3,096.7	22,697.4	22,818.5
Calves	0.3	0.5	0.3	3.5	2.7	76.0	79.9	585.3	559.2
Hogs	0.7	0.7	0.7	7.3	7.1	9,114.9	9,527.0	71,287.9	71,284.1
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.5	0.4	2.6	2.1	204.7	198.2	1,616.0	1,442.7
	-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----					-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----			
Cattle	317	320	425	2,753	2,909	3,762,226	3,921,226	28,727,898	28,922,931
Calves	169	250	157	1,902	1,499	19,053	19,218	149,419	146,044
Hogs	130	124	147	1,407	1,388	2,428,444	2,529,193	19,276,978	19,520,463
Sheep & Lambs	18	30	24	179	131	25,685	26,134	217,123	199,690
	-----Average live weight, pounds-----					-----Average live weight, pounds-----			
Cattle	712	784	761	787	808	1,277	1,270	1,270	1,272
Calves	520	525	484	543	555	254	247	259	268
Hogs	186	181	201	193	195	267	266	271	274
Sheep & Lambs	58	56	56	69	62	126	132	135	139
	-----Million pounds-----					-----Million pounds-----			
Red Meat	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.8	3.8	4,126.0	4,302.6	31,936.1	32,297.0

## September Farm Prices Received Index Down

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 183 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased one point from August. The Crop Index was unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased seven points. Producers received higher prices for cattle, strawberries, hay and grain sorghum and lower prices for broilers, hogs, milk and corn. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of corn, soybeans, apples and potatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 40 points from September 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 169, decreased four points from last month but increased 28 points from September 2010.

## Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 205 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was unchanged from August but 22 points above September 2010. Higher prices in September for complete feeds, supplements, LP gas and potash and phosphate offset lower prices for concentrates, feeder cattle, feed grains and feeder pigs.

## Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011 <sup>1</sup>	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011 <sup>1</sup>
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	10.10	11.80	12.10	9.98	13.40	13.10
Sorghum, per cwt	7.76	10.10	2/	7.26	10.70	11.70
Rice, per cwt	10.40	13.00	15.00	11.10	13.60	13.80
Upland Cotton, per pound	.740	2/	2/	.747	.940	.954 <sup>3</sup>
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	112.00	172.00	176.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt <sup>4</sup>	65.50	5/	5/	94.10	111.00	112.00
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	91.50	5/	5/	99.50	114.00	116.00
Cows, per cwt <sup>5</sup>	50.20	5/	5/	55.20	70.80	69.70
Calves, per cwt	103.00	5/	5/	118.00	134.00	133.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.490	.480	.440
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.634	1.140	.948
Milk, All, per cwt <sup>6</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	17.70	22.00	20.90

<sup>1</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>2</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

<sup>4</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

<sup>5</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2011.

<sup>6</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>7</sup> Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

## Louisiana Grain Stocks

**Old crop corn** off farm stocks, on September 1, 2011, totaled 4.1 million bushels, compared to nine million bushels in 2010.

Off-farm holdings of **old crop soybeans** on September 1, 2011, totaled 1.6 million bushels, compared to 3.1 million bushels in 2010.

**All wheat** off-farm stocks, on September 1, 2011, totaled 10.6 million bushels, up 29 percent from 2010.

## United States Grain Stocks

**Old crop corn** stocks in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 1.1 billion bushels, down 34 percent from September 1, 2010. Of the total stocks, 315 million bushels are stored on farms, down 35 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 813 million bushels, are down 33 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2011 indicated disappearance is 2.5 billion bushels, compared with 2.6 billion bushels during the same period last year.

**Old crop grain sorghum** stored in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 27.5 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at two million bushels, are down 55 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 25.4 million bushels, are down 31 percent from September 1, 2010. The June - August 2011 indicated disappearance from all positions is 52.6 million bushels, up 13 percent from the same period a year ago.

**Old crop soybeans** stored in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 215 million bushels, up 42 percent from September 1, 2010. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 48.5 million bushels, up 37 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 166 million bushels, are up 44 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2011 totaled 405 million bushels, down four percent from the same period a year earlier.

**All wheat** stored in all positions on September 1, 2011 totaled 2.2 billion bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 642 million bushels, down 21 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.5 billion bushels, are down eight percent from a year ago. The June - August 2011 indicated disappearance is 720 million bushels, down two percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Louisiana and United States Grain Stocks, September 1, 2010 - 2011

Item	Louisiana <sup>1</sup>		United States	
	September 1		September 1	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
<b>Corn (Old Crop)</b>				
On Farm			485,100	314,950
Off Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>9,025</u>	<u>4,121</u>	<u>1,222,687</u>	<u>813,295</u>
Total			1,707,787	1,128,245
<b>Sorghum (Old Crop)</b>				
On Farm			4,500	2,030
Off Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>811</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>36,740</u>	<u>25,420</u>
Total			41,240	27,450
<b>Soybeans (Old Crop)</b>				
On Farm			35,400	48,500
Off Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>3,088</u>	<u>1,551</u>	<u>115,485</u>	<u>166,163</u>
Total			150,885	214,663
<b>All Wheat</b>				
On Farm			812,100	641,500
Off Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>8,189</u>	<u>10,554</u>	<u>1,637,517</u>	<u>1,508,573</u>
Total			2,449,617	2,150,073

<sup>1</sup> Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>2</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

# Soybeans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production by state and United States, 2010<sup>1</sup>

State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Alabama	350	345	26.0	8,970
Arkansas	3,190	3,150	35.0	110,250
Delaware	175	173	32.0	5,536
Florida	25	23	30.0	690
Georgia	270	255	26.0	6,630
Illinois	9,100	9,050	51.5	466,075
Indiana	5,350	5,330	48.5	258,505
Iowa	9,800	9,730	51.0	496,230
Kansas	4,300	4,250	32.5	138,125
Kentucky	1,400	1,390	34.0	47,260
Louisiana	1,030	1,020	41.0	41,820
Maryland	470	465	34.0	15,810
Michigan	2,050	2,040	43.5	88,740
Minnesota	7,400	7,310	45.0	328,950
Mississippi	2,000	1,980	38.5	76,230
Missouri	5,150	5,070	41.5	210,405
Nebraska	5,150	5,100	52.5	267,750
New Jersey	94	92	24.0	2,208
New York	280	279	48.0	13,392
North Carolina	1,580	1,550	26.0	40,300
North Dakota	4,100	4,070	34.0	138,380
Ohio	4,600	4,590	48.0	220,320
Oklahoma	500	475	25.0	11,875
Pennsylvania	500	495	42.0	20,790
South Carolina	465	455	23.0	10,465
South Dakota	4,200	4,140	38.0	157,320
Tennessee	1,450	1,410	31.0	43,710
Texas	205	185	30.0	5,550
Virginia	560	540	26.0	14,040
West Virginia	20	18	30.0	540
Wisconsin	1,640	1,630	50.5	82,315
<b>United States</b>	<b>77,404</b>	<b>76,610</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>3,329,181</b>

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